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## DISASTER AT SEA.

### Accidents Happen on Water as Well as on Land.

#### HUNDREDS PERISH IN SINKING STEAMER

Steamer Larchmont Collides  
With a Schooner.

WAS ENROUTE TO NEW YORK

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Block Island, R. I., Feb. 12.—Captain George McVey, of the steamer Larchmont, said to the Associated Press that he had on board from 150 to 200 passengers, when the collision occurred, and only eight of these escaped with their lives.

At the time he made the statement, fourteen bodies had been washed ashore, making only 22 out of the total passengers list accounted for.

At 11:30 o'clock four more bodies were washed ashore, making a total of eighteen bodies recovered, with eight survivors of the accident being cared for on the island.

Providence, R. I., Feb. 12.—A private message reached here from Block Island stating that 14 bodies had been washed ashore.

Block Island, R. I., Feb. 12.—The steamer Larchmont of the Joy line, with many passengers on board, and from Providence for New York, early Tuesday afternoon having collided with the three-masted schooner Harry Knowlton, of Quonochontaug. The passengers and crew from the steamer took to the boats, but it is feared that some may have lost their lives either by being drowned or by freezing, as the temperature is below zero.

The schooner's bow was cut away and her captain ran her ashore west of Quonochontaug to prevent her sinking. The crew of seven men, including Captain Haley, reached the shore in safety in their boats.

The cause of the collision is not known. The night was clear, but there was a strong northwest wind, and the sea was running high. It was an intensely cold and bitter night.

When the first boats came ashore from the steamer it was found that some of their occupants were dead. In the first confusion it was not known whether they had been pulled from the water after having been drowned or whether they were frozen to death.

The Knowlton, which hails from Eastport, Me., was bound from Southbury for Boston, with 475 tons of coal.

The Larchmont left Providence at 6:30 Monday night for New York, in command of Captain McVey, of Providence. She carried a crew of about 50 and had on board some passengers and a miscellaneous cargo of freight.

The Larchmont registered 896 tons net, 1,650 gross. She was built at Bath, Me., in 1885.

Boston, Feb. 12.—Eighteen persons are known to have purchased tickets in this city to take passage to New York on the Larchmont. The names of only two of these passengers are on record at the office of the Joy line here.

Block Island, Feb. 12.—Captain Charles Mitchell, of the north end life saving station off which point the Larchmont is sunk, estimates that between 15 and 20 bodies already have come ashore from the steamer.

Up to 10:30 o'clock several boats had landed and others were making slow progress from the wreck toward shore.

Providence, R. I., Feb. 12.—The principal Joy line office in this city at 10 o'clock Tuesday was without definite information concerning the sinking of the steamer Larchmont.

The officials stated that their only knowledge of the disaster was a telegram sent by Captain McVey to his wife stating that he was safe. A private messenger reached here from Block Island stating that 14 bodies have been washed ashore.

The Joy line officials estimate that there was about 150 passengers on board, and the crew numbered about thirty.

#### MARDI GRAS CELEBRATED.

New Orleans Celebrates in Typical  
Conventional Fashion.

New Orleans, Feb. 12.—Mardi gras was celebrated by New Orleans Tuesday in typical conventional fashion. Under the bluest of skies and with the weather almost hot, the streets soon after sunrise became picturesque with thousands of gaudily masked children. The number of maskers grew steadily, hundreds of "comical" costumes and antics being furnished by the New Orleans negro population. Early in the forenoon business houses and stores of all description closed, and a general holiday began. About noon Rex, king of the carnival, paraded the streets, followed by 22 huge cars, representing as many different nations, the ensemble forming tableaux entitled "The Visions of Nations." The identity of Rex was revealed Monday, R. H. Downman, one of the leading lumbermen of the south, occupying this position.

#### Chattanooga Lynching Case.

Chattanooga, Tenn., Feb. 12.—The United States supreme court is represented by special Commissioner J. D. Maher in the hearing that began here Tuesday morning in the case of Sheriff J. P. Shipp, of this county, charged with contempt of the court in that Edward Johnson, negro, was lynched in Shipp's custody nearly a year ago. There are 26 other defendants, several of whom are alleged to have taken a part in the lynching. Probably a dozen witnesses have been subpoenaed so far, some of whom will testify. Secret service men who worked up the case are very reticent as to what they expect to prove. No action was taken at the morning session.

#### Voliva's Dream Abandoned.

Seattle, Wash., Feb. 12.—Overseer Voliva's dream of establishing a new Zion City in the northwest has been abandoned with the announcement that he has given up a trip here and along the Pacific coast planned for next month. Rev. August Ernst, elder of the local Zionite organization, says the plans have been changed because of the recoil in Portland, Seattle, Tacoma and Vancouver against the rule of Voliva. "We believed in the teachings of Dr. Dowie, but we do not believe in the one man rule, which he instituted and which Voliva is following," said Dr. Ernst.

#### Paintings Abandoned as Lost.

Philadelphia, Feb. 12.—Four rare paintings are now abandoned as lost by those who are restoring the art collection which was kept in "Lindenhurst," the country home of John Wanamaker, which was destroyed by fire last Friday. The paintings are "Our Lady of Madrid" and a "Nymph" by Murillo; "Two Angels Holding a Garland of Fruit" by Rubens, and "The Saviour" by Benjamin West.

#### Loses Life in Fire.

Philadelphia, Feb. 12.—A fire in which one man lost his life and several other persons had narrow escapes from death Tuesday, seriously damaged the five story building at 105-107 South Third street, in the heart of the financial district. The building was occupied by the Phoenix Pants, Overalls and Shirt company, and Dumez Sons & Co., cotton commission brokers.

#### Ministers Tender Resignations.

The Hague, Feb. 12.—At the opening of the sitting of the second chamber of the Netherlands, parliament Tuesday, Dr. DeMeester, the acting premier and minister of finance, announced that the ministers had tendered their resignation to the queen in consequence of the rejection of the army estimates. The chamber then adjourned.

#### Fruit Packers Meet.

Buffalo, N. Y., Feb. 12.—The National convention of Fruit and Vegetable packers and allied associations met here Tuesday. Mayor Adams delivered an address of welcome. One thousand delegates have arrived and nearly as many more are expected.

#### Tin Soldier Foe of Peace.

Chicago, Feb. 12.—Mrs. Lucia Ames Mead, of Boston, who addressed the Chicago section of the Jewish council of women, Monday believes the tin soldier, the plaything of happy childhood, is a foe of international peace.

#### Honor Memory of Abe Lincoln.

New York, Feb. 12.—Twelve states of the union Tuesday officially honored the memory of Abraham Lincoln. Lincoln's birthday is a legal holiday in this state, Colorado, Connecticut, Delaware, Illinois, Massachusetts, Minnesota, New Jersey, North Dakota, Pennsylvania, Washington and Wyoming. With the passing of each successive decade the observance of the natal day of the civil war hero is becoming more marked. Many political organizations, societies and clubs observed the day this year with dinners and social gatherings. One of the largest of these was the annual Lincoln birthday banquet of the Republican club at the Waldorf-Astoria. Banks, exchanges, schools and postoffice stations were closed because of the holiday.

#### To Champion Russian Freedom.

New York, Feb. 12.—Alexis Aladya, leader of the peasant party in the Russian duma, will arrive here on Thursday by the steamer Majestic to champion freedom and justice in Russia. He will deliver addresses among other places at Yale and Harvard. Associated with him will be Nicholas Tchaykovsky, one of the figures in the Russian revolutionary movement from 1870 to 1875. Aladya will be met when the steamer docks by a delegation of more or less prominent American men and women. Subsequently a public meeting and dinner will be given in Carnegie hall in his honor by American sympathizers.

#### Charged with Taking Money.

Montpelier, Vt., Feb. 12.—A statement of the accounts of former State Railroad Commissioner George T. Howard has been sent by state Auditor Graham to Attorney General Clark C. Fitts at the latter's request. Mr. Howard was recently charged by a legislative committee with taking money wrongfully from the state in the matter of salary and expenses. It is supposed that the action just taken by the attorney general is preliminary to bringing a suit against Mr. Howard.

#### Protest Imprisonment of Men.

Vaco, Tex., Feb. 12.—Mass meetings are being called by the labor councils, embodying all the labor unions in the various cities of this state, to protest against the imprisonment of Meyer, Maywood and Pettibone, who have been in prison a year in Idaho without trial. The three men were officers of the Western Miners' Federation and are charged with the murder of former Governor Steunenberg, of Idaho, a little over a year ago. Union men here allege that these men are being illegally restrained of their liberty, and that a conspiracy exists to keep them from having a trial.

#### Child Burned to Death.

Dalton, Ga., Feb. 12.—Howard Heath, the 2½ year old son of Will Heath, was burned so severely Monday afternoon that death resulted a few hours later. The clothing of the child caught fire from the grate. Little 10-year-old Judson Manly rushed to the child and tore off the burning clothing, but was too late.

#### Samuel Richards Dead.

Mobile, Ala., Feb. 12.—Samuel Richards, aged 87 years, one of the oldest members of the B'nai B'rith lodge, in the south, died here Monday night after a short illness. He was well known in the east and leaves a large estate.

#### Reward for Slayer.

Atlanta, Feb. 12.—Governor Terrell has offered a reward of \$150 for the arrest of Arthur Mobley, 23 years old, who is wanted in Ben Hill county, for the murder near Fitzgerald, on April 7, 1906, of Bud Walsh.

#### Woman in the Case.

Edmonton, Can., Feb. 12.—At a negro hot supper, near Middleton, Ben Downer shot and killed Henry Thompson. While the facts are not surely known, it is thought to have been a row over a woman.

#### Crest of Wave Passes.

Vicksburg, Miss., Feb. 12.—The high water crest of the Mississippi passed here sometime during Monday night, the river showing Tuesday a fall of one-tenth foot. The gauge read 49.6. The high water has passed thus far without a single mishap.

#### President Walter Dead.

Richmond, Va., Feb. 12.—The Seaboard Air Line office here has been informed by wire of the death in New York, of President Walter, of that road. Mr. Walter was elected president about six or eight months ago to succeed J. M. Barr.

#### River Rising at Natchez.

Natchez, Miss., Feb. 12.—Gauge on Tuesday morning at 8 o'clock read 48.9 feet, and rising steadily, the crest being expected to reach this place in about four days, and the levee boards are confident the levee will hold.

#### ALIENIST EVANS TESTIFIES.

States that Thaw Suffered from  
Forms of Insanity.

New York, Feb. 12.—The fact that Tuesday was Lincoln's birthday and consequently a legal holiday in this state, had no effect on the Thaw trial, which went ahead at the usual hour. This Justice Fitzgerald ordered last week, owing to the hardship on the jury which is to remain locked up until the end of the trial.

When Thaw was walking to his place at counsel table, as he was removing his ulster coat and for some moments after taking his seat he kept his eyes on District Attorney Jerome and ignored his own counsel for the time being. Mr. Jerome was busy with his papers and did not see Thaw's unusual action.

The first witness called by Mr. Delmas was Dr. Britton D. Evans. Dr. Evans said that he noticed on his visit to the Tombs that Thaw suffered from forms of insanity characterized by "an exaggerated ego," including adolescent insanity, the latter due to heredity.

Dr. Evans said Thaw also exhibited symptoms of having recently undergone an explosive or fulminating condition of mental unsoundness.

#### Situation Especially Interesting.

London, Feb. 12.—That the members of the house of commons regard the present situation as being especially interesting was evidenced by the keenness shown to secure good seats for the opening of parliament Tuesday. On the stroke of midnight the competition began and there after a steady stream of members visited the house of commons and placed their cards in the places they had selected. Later in the morning the customary search of the vaults of the houses of parliament was carried out by the yeomen of the guard from the tower of London, without the discovery of anything pointing to a repetition of the gunpowder plot. Large crowds gathered within the precincts of the parliament to witness the arrival of the distinguished personages.

#### Little Progress in America.

Chicago, Feb. 12.—The Rev. Anna Shaw, president of the American Woman Suffrage association, which will hold its annual convention in Chicago, this week, declared Monday that the suffrage cause had made less progress in America during the last few years than in any other enlightened country. "Even in Syria," she said, "at the foot of Mount Ararat, the people are awakening to the importance of the woman's suffrage movement. All over the world this has been one of the most promising years but curiously enough the least progress has been made here in America." The convention will open on Thursday and remain in session for five days.

#### Painters and Decorators Convene.

Boston, Feb. 12.—The twenty-third convention of the International Association of Master House Painters and Decorators of the United States and Canada, opened here Tuesday. Especial interest was attached to the reports of committees appointed to investigate the subject of trade schools and apprentices, while a varied program of papers on special topics identified with the work of the organization was arranged. About 600 delegates were present.

#### Mardi Gras at Natchez.

Natchez, Miss., Feb. 12.—Rex X and king of the tenth carnival Mardi Gras in Natchez, arrived at his capital city, Natchez, at noon on Tuesday, his coming was attended by a naval parade up and down the river a salute of 21 guns by the cruiser Des Moines, and 17 guns for Governor Vardaman. The weather is ideal.

#### Belgian Interpreter.

Greenville, S. C., Feb. 12.—This city has what may be termed a municipal interpreter, in the person of a Belgian, Mr. P. Ford, Parnacy, who is in the city to assist his countrymen, of whom many are living here, to master our lingo and see things through the eyes of Americans.

#### Sailors Clash with Police.

Havana, Feb. 12.—Sailors from the Tacoma, Whipple and other American warships, clashed with the police at Santiago, Sunday night. Several of the sailors were severely clubbed by the police. American soldiers quartered at Morro castle intervened in time to prevent the affair from becoming a serious one.

#### Selamographs Registers Vibrations.

Leach, Austria, Feb. 12.—The self graphs at the observatory at this place have, since Feb. 9, registered strong earth unrest, which seemed to be connected with a cyclone in the southern Italy and Malaga. Professor Belar says that the continued unrest may result in further earthquakes in the near future.

## MINING TOWN

## BLOWN UP.

### Great Disaster In Russia.

#### RUSSIAN MINE BECOMES IGNITED

Forty Dead Bodies of Miners  
Recovered.

ONLY MEAGER ACCOUNTS AS YET

Bakhmut, a Small Mining Town, Is  
Visited by Terrible Mine Disaster.  
Explosion Occurred While Men Are  
at Work in Bowels of Earth.

Bakhmut, Russia, Feb. 12.—The coal mines at this little town caught fire in some way Tuesday while the day force was at work. Many men were deep in the shafts of the mines when the explosion occurred and the casualties are feared to be great.

Rescues immediately set to work to rescue those still alive in the underground passages. Forty dead bodies have already been taken from the shaft.

The population of the little mining hamlet is grief-stricken, and pitiful scenes are witnessed at the mouth of the mines of the relatives and friends of the unfortunates that had went to their daily toil on Tuesday morning.

#### Moving Troops to Frontier.

Panama, Feb. 12.—Advices from San Salvador say that both Honduras and Nicaragua are moving troops to the frontier. Honduras has a force of 12,000 men available and Nicaragua 15,000. Thus far there has been no fighting.

#### Low Birth Rate.

London, Feb. 12.—Sir William Dunbar, the register general in a report on British civil statistics for 1905 reports a low birth rate which is generally held to be a sign of a nation's decrease.

#### Ask Governor to Show Cause.

Columbia, S. C., Feb. 12.—Counsel for J. B. Wylie, J. M. Rawlinson and John Black, directors of the state dispensary, who were removed from office last week by Governor Ansel, appeared before Justice Ira B. Jones, of the supreme court at chambers, at Lancaster, asking for a writ of certiorari, calling upon the governor to show cause February 19 why the board should be removed. Attorneys for the board asked that a full court be present to hear the motion. It is likely that Justice Jones will call in his associates to hear the case.

#### Two and a Half Cent Bill Killed.

Columbia, S. C., Feb. 12.—The 2½-cent passenger rate bill was killed in the senate by a vote of 25 to 14. The bill passed the house last week by a majority of 8 to 1.

#### Japanese School Incident.

Venice, Calif., Feb. 12.—The Venice chamber of commerce at a meeting held last night, adopted and ordered sent to President Roosevelt a set of resolutions, reciting that the "anti-Japanese sentiment expressed at San Francisco does not represent the true feeling of the citizens of California, and resolving that the chamber of commerce does not recognize the present friendly relations with Japan as a menace to the progress, development and prosperity of California, or to the success and welfare of her citizens."

#### Killed by a Car.

Chicago, Feb. 12.—P. O'Keefe, 45 years old, whose home was in Fort Smith, and who was said to have been a mining promoter, was run over and killed by a street car in Austin, a suburb, Monday night. He was walking on the car track and the motorman did not see him in time to stop. His head was almost severed from the body. The motorman and conductor of the car were arrested.

#### Will Appoint New Governors.

Havana, Feb. 12.—Prominent Liberals assert positively that Gov. Magoon has decided to appoint new governors of all Cuban provinces as soon as the congress in the United States adjourns. They declare that the appointees will all be Liberals, and that Magoon is afraid to make the announcement while congress is in session.

The Democratic Platform.  
How will this do for some of the essential planks of the next Democratic platform:

1. Whenever a protected article is sold abroad cheaper than at home the tariff on that article should be reduced until the price is the same to the citizen as to the foreigner.

2. Government by executive order is foreign to the genius of a free people. The legislative power abides only in Congress, the immediate representative of the States and the People, and it is usurpation for any other department to assume the same.

3. There should be no further legislation regulative of the industries of the country until the effects of legislation of that character now existent shall be made manifest by actual operation thereof.

4. The incorporated dollar should render the same obedience to law and receive the same protection from law as the unincorporated dollar. The property of the citizen, whether owned and operated individually or in that form of human effort known as a corporation, should be equally submissive and equally safe.

5. Excessive public expenditures are a burden and a menace, depleting the substance of the people and building up a corruptive influence dangerous to their rights.

6. Unfettered industry and unmenaced prosperity is our home policy; strict abstention from international intermeddling our foreign policy.

7. Every American dollar shall be, anywhere and all times, as good as any other American dollar, and of the same relative value as the currency of the other leading nations of the world.

8. All men should have equal right as to person and property, but the white man alone should remain politically dominant in this country.

On these principles the Democracy could go to the country with full confidence.—[Augusta Chronicle.

#### Cut Out the Cigarettes.

There is a bill before the Legislature to abolish the sale of cigarettes and cigarette paper in this State. The Ledger hopes this bill will meet with favorable consideration at the hands of our lawmakers. Next to the whisky or drug habit we know of nothing so baneful as the cigarette, and it's high time something was being done to save the boys. Cut out the cigarette. It's a destroyer of health and also mind.—[Gaffney Ledger.

#### Watterson's Christmas in Spain.

They make no great ado over Christmas in Spain. But, at the consular generaliste, or, rather, "instado," (I am fast losing my English!) we had a high old time under the mistletoe and the flag, Lord! how the flag comes in away from home among the frog-eating foreigners! Why, we had mince pies and eggnog! What more would you want? Nobody made any speeches. We just snuggled together and sopped gravy and loved one another! There was a royal duke, two or three grandees and a Don of the Order of Chileconcarne, and, of course, we said "Vive les Espagnols!" But we did not forget Uncle Sam, you bet, nor Kentucky, and what was left of the wiles and drink was not worth carrying away!—[Louisville Courier-Journal.